



**GRANT RECIPIENT**  
COFFEE CREEK WATERSHED  
CONSERVANCY

**YEAR**  
2010

**COUNTY**  
PORTER

**CATEGORY**  
PLANNING/COORDINATION/  
MANAGEMENT

**GRANT AWARD**  
\$26,500

**LOCAL SHARE**  
\$26,500



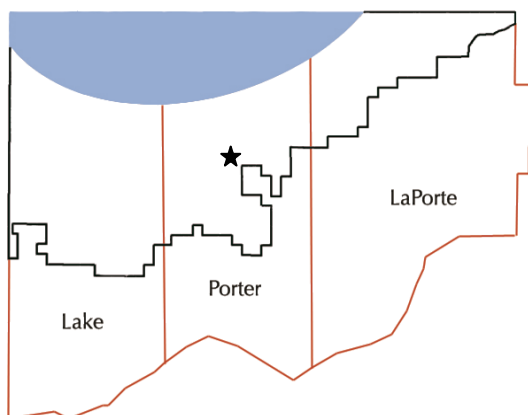
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## Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve Master Plan

The Coffee Creek Watershed Preserve has wanted to serve as a model for coastal park sustainability in Northwest Indiana and beyond. However, many challenges threaten the integrity of the preserve, such as, severe erosion and sedimentation, drainage alteration, heightened seasonal flooding, and increased visitor use. Climate change forecasts will only further exacerbate these factors, along with additional non-point source pollution, which raises concerns about public safety, water quality impairments, and water capacity issues.

Coffee Creek Watershed Conservancy (CCWC) has prepared a Master Plan to guide future conservation, sustainability, natural area restoration, public access improvements and maintenance efforts at the Preserve. The plan includes the following items, natural resource and public lands inventory, water quality assessment and report, a summary of stakeholder meetings, management plan recommendations, construction documents for trail improvements, and identification and summary of additional funding resources.



**RESULT:** A Master Plan to manage the preserve for natural resources, hydrology, trails, and additional funding resources.